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# A principal who's passing his tests

### Atuahene boosting scores, morale at elementary school in Avondale

**Daniel González** Arizona Republic | USA TODAY NETWORK

Three years ago, Eric Atuahene struggled through his first year as principal at a mostly Latino elementary school in Avondale.

He faced declining test scores, rising disciplinary problems and low teacher morale. At the end of his first year, nearly half the school's 57 teachers left.

Much has improved at Quentin Elementary School since then. Staff morale is up, leading more teachers to stay at Quentin. Students have shown year-over-year growth on standardized-test scores, and the number of students

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**Top: Eric Atuahene talks with Aliyah Rosas at Quentin Elementary School in Avondale. Above: Isabel Archie (left) and Katherine Martinez test Boyle's law at the school.** PHOTOS BY MARK HENLE/THE REPUBLIC

# Franks departs as details emerge

### Report: GOP rep offered aide $5M for surrogacy

**Ronald J. Hansen** Arizona Republic USA TODAY NETWORK

A day after announcing he would step down at the end of January in response to sexual-harassment allegations, Rep. Trent Franks abruptly resigned Friday, citing his wife's health.

The unexpected acceleration of Franks' departure came as more details emerged about the allegations, which had been referred to the House Ethics Committee.

In giving his version of the events Thursday, Franks said that he and his wife had struggled with infertility and that a "discussion of surrogacy" with two women who worked for him had "caused distress."

The Associated Press reported Friday that a former Franks aide told the news organization the congressman had repeatedly pressed her to carry his child, at one point offering her $5 mil-

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**5 takeaways:** What Franks' surprise resignation means for Arizona. **13A**

**Laurie Roberts:** Explanation suggests more ugly details to come. **3A**

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**A street destroyed by the Lilac Fire in Fallbrook, Calif.** SEAN LOGAN/THE REPUBLIC

# Wind-stoked Calif. wildfires keep growing

Southern California's Thomas Fire, fed by unpredictable Santa Ana winds, grew to 132,000 acres Friday. The blaze, one of several in the Los Angeles area, was 10 percent contained. President Donald Trump approved Gov. Jerry Brown's request for an emergency declaration for the area. **Story, 1B.**

To get the latest updates on the California wildfires, and to see more photos by *Republic* photographers on the scene, go to **azcentral.com**.

# 'Dreamers' want DACA deal this year

### Waiting could imperil prospects, some warn

**Daniel González, Megan Janetsky and Dan Nowicki**
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WASHINGTON — A group of Arizona "dreamers" huddled outside the U.S. Capitol on Monday night.

Every few minutes, when they spotted a member of Congress, they snapped into action, approaching the lawmaker to talk about their support for Dream Act legislation.

Some lawmakers stopped to chat. Others continued without slowing and with little acknowledgment.

As the hours passed, a brisk breeze added to the chill of the 40-degree night, sending shivers through the group.

"(I'm here) to pretty much put a face out to the people who don't know our story, to show them that we're wanting to stay here, to better ourselves, to better our people, to better our country. And just personally, to say I contributed," said Susana Nava, who lives in Phoenix and has a work permit and protection from deportation under the soon-to-expire Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Nava and the other dreamers and their allies had, in some cases, packed 10 people to a van on Friday night to make the 40-hour drive to Washington, D.C.

Their goal: Make a connection with as many of the 535 members of Congress as possible.

Immigration advocates are mounting an all-out push to get Congress to pass a version of the Dream Act before the end of December, out of fear it presents the last opportunity for Republicans and Democrats to strike a deal over the contentious issue.

Nearly 700,000 dreamers — undocu-

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**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT** SPORTS, 5C

It's been a lackluster season, but T.J. Warren and the Suns again can claim the league lead in a dubious category: technical fouls. ROB SCHUMACHER/THE REPUBLIC

## Puerto Rico power effort includes 8 SRP workers

Salt River Project is sending eight employees to hurricane-battered Puerto Rico to help restore power to the island, where some residents have been without electricity for more than two months. The workers are leaving this weekend and will help coordinate some of the 3,500 workers sent to Puerto Rico. **14A**

## Border wall tests begin

Jackhammers and ropes were among the tools used in U.S. Customs and Border Protection tests this week on U.S.-Mexico border wall prototypes. **4A**

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